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Reb Szulim Rotenberg, the *Rebbe* of Wolbrom

Rebbe Szulim (Awrum Szulim Pinches) was the first-born son of the *Rebbe* of Wolbrom, *Rebbe* Alter Majer Duwid Ha'Levi Rotenberg, son of *Rebbe* Icchok Menachem [Mendel], founder of the Wolbrom dynasty.

Rebbe Szulim was, at first, *Rebbe* in Zawiercie and, from there, moved to Częstochowa. Most of his followers were the simple people of the masses, who held fast by their *Rebbe* and loved him greatly. Reb Szulim taught them good ways and guided them to put their trust in God.

He led the prayer service on weekdays and on *Shabbes*. His voice was strong and pleasant. His intonation was emotional, wailing and passionate. He recited psalms in a pure outpouring of begging and pleading and, even on holidays and joyful days, he did not change his invariably sorrowful and tearful tone.

The *Rebbe* Reb Szulim died at the close of the *Shabbes* of the portion "*Lech-Lechu*" [Get Thee Out; Genesis 12:1–17:27] 5690 [16th November 1929], at the age of sixty two. On Sunday, a great multitude of *Chassidim* came to Częstochowa and, among them, were the rabbis of the neighbouring areas and the *Rebbes* of Pińczów (Sosnowiec), Tomaszów and Będzin. Thousands attended his funeral. He was eulogised by his two sons, Reb Mojsze and Reb Jankew. His elder son, Reb Jankew, was crowned as his successor, by approval of the entire crowd. His son, the *Rebbe* Reb Jankew Icchok Chune, moved to Częstochowa from Miechów (Kielce region). He excelled in his perseverance in study, literally never stopping his studying.